Dear friends Allah'u'abha,
Hope that you are all fine. Regarding our trip to Sudan, as you have already heard that we have been deported from there because of the Bahai faith.

It was on Wednesday when wafa went to the immigration office to get her residence permit, but she was surprised when the officer told her that our sponsor in Sudan has financial problems and we have to leave the country because of it, wafa explained to them that who is our sponsor and how we entered the country. The officer was convinced with wafa's opinion and they told her to come the next day to get her residence permit. The next day she called the officer before she leave, and he told her to come. When she went, she had to see a high rank officer, he told her that you, Ayman and Atifa have to deport the country tonight, at that time they asked wafa to call lisan aldin to come (our sponsor), they told wafa this time that we have to leave the country because our entrance was illegal. And it was shocking for us again, wafa explained to them that all the procedures of our entrance was legal, they agreed again on wafas explanation, but they were insisting that we have to leave. First they asked us to leave the same day, later on they accepted to give us five days on our request, at this time there was another office for foreigner's registration which they sent us to, they wanted to give us 7 days, but the immigration office refused. In these five days Mr. Lisan aldin should turn us over to authorities and they will deport us, and as a penalty if he didn't turn us in five days starting from 22/5/2008 he has to pay per each person 500 USD. But later on he could manage to change the order instead of turning us over to them, he will deport us by him self.

As you know, Atifa went to Oman to renew her residence permit, she was suppose to come back with in 2 weeks. When all these problems started, they didn't believe that she has already left the country, and we had to proof to them by showing them the exit stamp of Sudanese immigration and airplane ticket and entrance stamp to Oman.

During the emergency gathering of the NSA which was on Friday morning 23/5/2008, they asked us that we have to obey the government order and to deport, they were very sad for this situation. At the same day, when they received the letter from Mr. Ardekani, they decided to try every possible way to keep us in Khartoum, even they decided to send letters to the high authority people and introduce the faith to them, and to send a copy of the message of UHJ to world religious leaders and the peace message to the highest authorities. Lisan aldin had a cousin who is the minister of power, he contacted him. The minister replied after 2 days that this decision is coming from a very high security office and it's not possible to be changed. Wafa had few friends who had

influence in the government, and they reply that the decision is coming from the presidential office and it is impossible to be changed and the Iranian embassy has an influence on the government to deport us. Even other friends who were trying to help, said the same thing. Lisan aldin was asked by the authorities 2 times in last week, one was on the 22nd afternoon and the other on the 23rd morning before the NSA meeting, Sudanese authority knew that they were going to have NSA in the same day. This authority office name was (Religious Security Unit). One of the questions that they asked lisan aldin (why are you helping these Bahais, you don't know what kind of people they are, they might be trouble makers) he replied to them (if I have to trust anyone, these Bahais who I will trust, and just because I'm a Bahai and one of our principles is not to interfere with politics and to obey the governments, I would have done what ever I can to work against your government) they also asked him not to become a member of the Bahai administration, but he refused and told them to write this statement on a paper and then I will sign it, but I won't accept it orally, another question theyasked lisanaldin that why do you always help the non Sudanese Bahais? They told lisan aldin that after deporting us they are going to deal with him. We realized that our telephones are under control, and in general the Bahais are always under observation.

On Sunday 25/5/2008 me and wafa went to immigration office to complete our exit visa procedures, we were shocked when they asked us for 180 USD per each of us for the exit visa in addition to the penalty because our visas was already expired.even though it wasn't our fault that the visa's expired, because we already started to residence permit procedures before the expiry date. Later on when we talked with a friend of lisanaldin working in the immigration, he went and talked to a very high rank officer and they didn't take the penalty fee.

All our friends who we knew, we told them why they are sending us out, and all of them without any exceptions, were very sorry and sad for what happened with us, even they didn't accept this kind of action from the government, one of wafas friend said that even the minister in internal affairs is sad for what happened to us, but there was no chance to do any thing.

In our last days in Sudan, there was some action in Bahai community, friends started to attain the meetings, problems between the friends started to be solved, and you could realize a movement in the community, especially the Friday programs, the number of attendance increased a lot, we were very happy, but unfortunately what happened brought to the community some kind of sadness, but friends and the NSA decided to send a letter to the

high authorities and introduce the faith to them, and send them a copy of the message of the UHJ to the world religious leaders.

Regards our financial status, wafa had already registered in the university to take the HIV course, and she paid 1075 USD as the university fee. After studying for one week all these problems rose up. She told the high rank officer in the immigration that she had already paid the fee, he replied to her that it's her right to get her money back and that she has the right to know why she, ayman and atifa should be deported. He mentioned that we are human and we have feelings too, but unfortunately no one told us why we are being deported, and later on wafa complained to the same officer that the university didn't give her money back, he didn't do anything at all. So we couldn't get wafa's university fee back after studying there for one week only.

I was working in the university as a lecturer for about one and a half month, even though I could get my salary because the procedures of the registration was not completed, so instead of paying me 1,500 Sudanese Pound, I received 500 Pounds only as a complement which is equivalent to 250 USD.

In general 10 non Bahais in addition to Lisan aldin tried to help us with our residence permit and to stop the order of deporting us from Sudan, and all of them faced a dead end and with sad feelings they apologized to us, and they told not to consider what happened as a sign that all Sudanese are the same, and they offered us any help they could do.

Yesterday we sold our home furniture with very low amount of money, where most of these stuff was useless for the Bahai centre. We went to the airport at 10:30 pm and our flight was at 3 midnight. We arrived Sana'a today Wednesday 28th .

We decided to write to you a detailed report of what happened in Sudan so it might as assist in the future when pioneers go there. If there is any further question or advise kindly inform us

With warm Bahai greetings
Ayman and Wafa